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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Chiklis et al.

Examiner: Hankyel Park

Serial No.: 09/981,506

Art Unit: 1648

Filed: October 17, 2001

Title: Nucleic Acid Amplification Controls

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### Request for Continued Examination

#### Amendment and Response

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 16, 2003, Applicants herewith file a request for continued examination and respond as follows.

Please note a new Power of Attorney is enclosed.

Amendments to the claims are presented on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks are presented on page 12.

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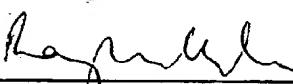
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**Remarks**

Claims 1-69 are pending in this application. In the Office Action dated December 16, 2003, the Examiner rejected claim 1 and deemed claims 2-69 as being allowable. In the present Response, Claim 1 has been canceled. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to allow claims 2-69.

A fee of \$770 is enclosed for the RCE. Further, a request for filing this response with a three-month extension is hereby requested. A check for \$950 is enclosed. If any additional fee is due, it may be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-2442.

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